

Methods, Tools and Data Integrating Discussion

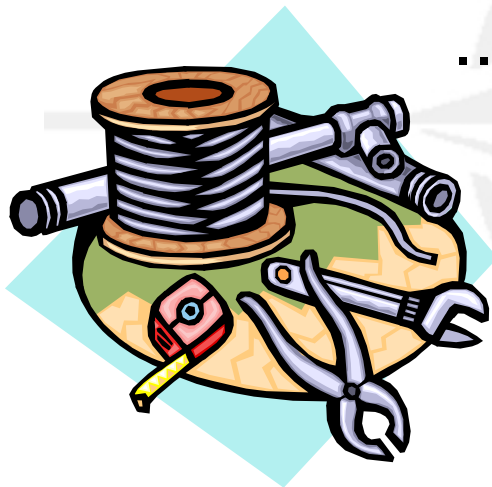
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Models, Tools & Data

- ...come in many forms
- ...have multiple uses
- ...may not fit your problem exactly
- ...are means to an end
- ...not ends themselves



Review Points

- Tools may be used in problem formulation, as well as in problem solution
- Tools include methods of thought, as well as computer programs
- The model describes what things are connected and how they are connected
- A tool may allow you to build a model or it may implement a model in a usable way

Review Points

- Try to use the right tool for a given purpose; but, if you have to use a hammer to drive a screw, understand and document the misfit.
- Complex problems usually require linkages of tools. Document the linkages.
- C2 problems are usually complex.
- OOTW problems are usually complex.
- Implies...

Review Points

- C2 + OOTW problems normally require consideration of human issues...check models, tools & data for applicability
- Deterministic tools yield a point estimate. This is fine where there is no uncertainty in the data, the methodology, or the problem. Otherwise, some method for estimating the variability of results is required.

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